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--- PROJECT V-2, NORTHERN ECOSYSTEMS, MUSKOX

--- TRANSPLANT

1. IN RECENT TELEPHONE CONVERSATION DR. SKOOG LEARNED FROM DR. DENISOV THAT SOVIET SIDE NEEDED TECHNICAL INFORMATION CONCERNING FILMING OF MUSKOX TRANSPLANT FROM ALASKA TO SIBERIA. ON US SIDE FILMING IS BEING DONE BY DON MEIER PRODUCTIONS; ON SOVIET SIDE, BY GOSKINO, MALI GNEZDNIKOVSKY PER. 7, MOSCOW 103009. AS REQUESTED BY DENISOV, PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING INFORMATION FROM DON MEIER PRODUCTIONS TO GOSKINO, WITH COPIES TO DENISOV AND TO KUVSHINNIKOV.

2. US SIDE WILL USE SIXTEEN (16) MILLIMETER COLOR FILM--EASTMAN EKTACHROME, ECO 7252--AND SHOOT WITH AN ARRIFLEX CAMERA. SUGGEST SOVIET SIDE IF POSSIBLE USE SAME KIND OF FILM AND CAMERA. FRENCH CAMERA ECLAIR COULD BE SUBSTITUTED. ALL FILMING WILL BE DONE USING A TRIPOD.

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3. DON MEIER PRODUCTIONS WORKED IN USSR LAST

WITH NOVOSTI PRESS AGENCY CAMERAMEN BORIS MODISTOV AND ANATOLY ZUBOV. THESE TWO MEN ARE KNOWLEDGEABLE AS TO HOW US SIDE WORKS AND COULD PROVIDE INFORMATION TO GOSKINO.

4. US SIDE SUGGESTS FOLLOWING SEQUENCE OF FILMING.
(ABBREVIATIONS INDICATED ARE AS FOLLOWS: FS IS FULL SHOT, MS IS MEDIUM SHOT, AND CU IS CLOSE-UP.)

(A) FIRST SCENE PANORAMIC FS OF AREA WHERE PLANE ARRIVES; ENTIRE LANDING AREA AND TOPOGRAPHY OF SURROUNDING LAND; PLANE LANDING.

(B) MS OF PLANE TAXIING TO UNLOADING SITE AND GROUND CREW AWAITING ARRIVAL; WITH CU OF CREW MOVING TOWARD PLANE FOR UNLOADING.

(C) FS OF PLANE DOORS OPENING; MS OF SOVIET SCIENTISTS LEAVING PLANE AND GREETING COMRADES ON GROUND.

(D) MS OF MUSKOX CRATES BEING UNLOADED FROM PLANE; INCLUDING CU OF ANIMALS ALSO; WITH MS OF SOVIET SCIENTISTS WATCHING AND/OR ASSISTING.

(E) FS, MS, AND CU OF CRATES BEING LOADED ONTO TRANSPORT RUCKS?); BEING MOVED TO RELEASE SITE; AND BEING UNLOADED THERE.

(F) FS, MS, AND CU OF MUSKOX IN RELEASE AREA, NO PEOPLE IN PICTURE; ANIMALS FEEDING AND MOVING.

(G) IF INITIAL RELEASE SITES ARE TEMPORARY ENCLOSURES, FUTURE FS, MS, AND CU OF ANIMALS ON FINAL NATURAL SITES (I.E., WRANGEL ISLAND; TAIMYR PENINSULAR WOULD BE DESIRABLE).

5. IN ORDER TO COMBINE FILMS TAKEN FOR FINAL EDITED PRODUCTION US SIDE WILL SEND TO SOVIET SIDE (TO GOSKINO) DUPLICATE NEGATIVE OF FILMS TAKEN IN ALASKA FROM WHICH SOVIETS CAN MAKE THEIR OWN WORK PRINT. IN RETURN, US SIDE EXPECTS TO RECEIVE SIMILAR DUPLICATE NEGATIVE FROM SOVIETS.
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6. IF FURTHER QUESTIONS ARISE, ADVISE DR. SKOOG, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. KISSINGER

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